

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, and Angel attending. Councilmen Rueger and Cooper were not present. Others attending were Attorney Funkhouser; Comm. Gray; Chief Beloit; Vicki Cannato; Nancy Burns - SWIRDC; Mr. Moore; Larry Williams; Elaine Springer; Winter Maynard; Mary Ann Watson; Mrs. Nancy Case; Beth Foster - Mount Vernon Democrat; Jamie Grabert - Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Sarah Apple; - Posey County Humane Society; and Phyllis Ripplemeier - Posey County Humane Society.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members had been mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting, along with those from the Executive Session on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March and the Special Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. She then stated, the Board may approve the Executive Session and the Special Session, but Mr. Janak of Bose McKinney has suggested some revisions to the others and after those revisions are made, new sets will be sent to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Councilman Angel moved the minutes of the Executive Session and the Special Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

#### \*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Water Operating & Maintenance \$ 5,704.27

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the acting Water Superintendent.

Comm. Gray stated last Thursday some folks working on a cable line, hit an 8" water line. He added that they struck it was the water department's fault, but that the water department could not get it fixed right away, was not. He added they could not get to the valve, had they been able to, it would have taken only an hour to fix. Needless to say, the loss of water and boil order were the result.

Comm. Gray continued his report by stating they have been working hot and heavy on cleaning up the plant, EMC left it in a mess, and they took a lot of things with them when they left. He added EMC also cleaned very little, so they are working on that. He continued by stating they would like to start on the telemetry at the Mulberry Tower, if the Board will recall, the valve had been ordered and paid for, but it will cost Deig Brothers around

\$2,500 to install the altitude valve. He stated the work really needs to be done, they need to know how much water is in the tower, and again, the valve is already paid for.

Councilman Angel moved Comm. Gray proceed with having Deig Brothers install the altitude valve, at a cost of \$2,500.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Apple arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Knowles agreed the valve needs to be in place, it is important to know how much water is actually in the tower.

Comm. Gray continued by stating the raw water pump has been ordered, at a cost of \$27,000.00, including installation. He added the plant actually needs at least one more of those pumps, they have four currently. He also stated the Board may need to look at getting divers in to go down and check out the intakes, the pump company needs those addressed before the work on the pumps. He also stated the Keck Tower is having issues with its pump. He concluded his report by stating he has hired two old employees back (Roger Carr and Ben Bebout), they will begin on April 4<sup>th</sup> and their main focus when they return will be to find out where and why the system is losing water at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street - EMC was never able to get that fixed.

Comm. Gray stated a Mr. Moore is present with a request for a water adjustment. He stated Mr. Moore's bill shot up, he paid it, but now has a receipt for the repairs.

Councilwoman Askren moved the adjustment be allowed in the amount of \$78.76. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Councilman Angel asked if it would even be feasible to possibly look at a way of shutting down the tower when these breaks happen, instead of the entire plant. He wondered if that could even be done.

Comm. Gray agreed that is a great idea and he and Bob Martin have been discussing ways to do that the next time, but they really do not have the capability to do it right now.

Mayor Knowles stated in December 2004, they found out there was no shut off valve at the tower.

Comm. Gray stated they would still have to have boil orders as some bacteria could get into the system, but they may be able to at least keep the pressure up and supply water. He added Mr. Martin knows how to keep the pressure up.

Mayor Knowles added that Mount Vernon is not like Evansville in that Evansville is larger, has more space, lines, etc., and ways of keeping up the rest of the city when there is a problem in one area.

Comm. Gray agreed that Mount Vernon can not shut down one area of town for something like that, they have to shut down the whole town.

Councilman Tucker stated Evansville does have more capabilities.

Ms. Ripplemeier arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated Water Chairman Cooper is not present this evening and stated they have the Financial Report before them, and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Attorney Funkhouser stated Ms. Ripplemeier is present with the Water Agreement for Leonard, for Board signature, that had previously been approved.

Ms. Ripplemeier stated she received the agreement late last week and will submit it now for Board approval.

Board then signed the agreement.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business they needed to address ?

Councilwoman Askren questioned Comm. Gray's salary, and that fact that he was now running two departments and should be compensated as such. She wondered if they could meet in Executive Session on that topic at some point in the near future.

Councilman Angel stated they could probably avoid that by having Attorney Funkhouser get with Chairman Cooper and Comm. Gray and draft an amendment to the salary ordinance, for presentation at the next meeting.

Attorney Funkhouser agreed.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Tucker.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST: